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**APPEAL OF CITATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE**  
**DECISION: CITATION SECOND MODIFIED**

August 1, 2018

Origin Code Academy, LLC.  
 Origin Code Academy  
 350 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 900  
 San Diego, CA 92101

Date of Issuance	Citation Number	Institution Code
August 1, 2018	1718041	Unapproved

On July 2, 2018, an informal conference was held in the matter of Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement No. 1718041 (Citation) against Origin Code Academy, LLC, Owner of Origin Code Academy. In attendance were Leeza Rifredi, Deputy Bureau Chief; and Jeff Winkler, CEO/Co-founder.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 148; California Education Code (CEC), section 94944; and Title 5 of California Code of Regulations (5, CCR), section 75020 and section 75040, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) renders the following decision relative to your appeal of the Citation No. 1718041.

It is the decision of the Deputy Bureau Chief that on July 23, 2018 Citation No. 1718041 is modified and makes the following change(s):

VIOLATION CODE SECTIONS

#	Below you will find the California Education Code (CEC) and/or Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR code) section(s) of law you are charged with violating.
1.	<p><b><u>Violation:</u></b>  <b>CEC 94886. Approval to Operate Required</b>  <i>“Except as exempted in Article 4 (commencing with Section 94874) or in compliance with the transition provisions in Article 2 (commencing with Section 94802), a person shall not open, conduct, or do business as a private postsecondary educational institution in this state without obtaining an approval to operate under this chapter.”</i></p>

Definitions:

**CEC 94817.5. Approved to Operate or Approved**

*"Approved to operate" or "approved" means that an institution has received authorization pursuant to this chapter to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs."*

**CEC 94868. To Offer to the Public**

*"To offer to the public" means to advertise, publicize, solicit, or recruit."*

**CEC 94869. To Operate**

*"To operate" means to establish, keep, or maintain any facility or location in this state where, or from which, or through which, postsecondary educational programs are provided."*

**CEC 94857. Postsecondary Education**

*"Postsecondary education" means a formal institutional educational program whose curriculum is designed primarily for students who have completed or terminated their secondary education or are beyond the compulsory age of secondary education, including programs whose purpose is academic, vocational, or continuing professional education.*

**CEC 94858. Private Postsecondary Educational Institution**

*"Private postsecondary educational institution" means a private entity with a physical presence in this state that offers postsecondary education to the public for an institutional charge.*

**CEC 94902. General Enrollment Requirements**

*(a) A student shall enroll solely by means of executing an enrollment agreement. The enrollment agreement shall be signed by the student and by an authorized employee of the institution.*

*(b) An enrollment agreement is not enforceable unless all of the following requirements are met:*

*(1) The student has received the institution's catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet prior to signing the enrollment agreement.*

*(2) At the time of the execution of the enrollment agreement, the institution held a valid approval to operate.*

*(3) Prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement, the student and the institution have signed and dated the information required to be disclosed in the Student Performance Fact Sheet pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 94910. Each of these items in the Student Performance Fact Sheet shall include a line for the student to initial and shall be initialed and dated by the student.*

*(c) A student shall receive a copy of the signed enrollment agreement, in writing or electronically, regardless of whether total charges are paid by the student.*

**Order of Abatement:**

The Bureau orders that the Institution cease to operate as a Private Postsecondary Educational Institution. The Institution must discontinue recruiting or enrolling students



and cease all instructional services and advertising in any form or type of media (including the internet website, www.origincodeacademy.com), and any other websites not listed that are associated with Origin Code Academy, until such time as an approval to operate is obtained from the Bureau. The Institution must disconnect all telephone service numbers, including 619-894-6324 and 858-633-7385, and any other telephone numbers not identified here that are associated with the Institution until such time as an approval to operate is obtained from the Bureau. The Institution must provide a refund to all students enrolled at the school prior to receiving an approval to operate from the Bureau as the enrollment agreements signed by the students are not enforceable since the school does not have a valid approval to operate. To comply with the Order of Abatement the Institution must submit a school closure plan to the Bureau pursuant to California Education Code sections 94926 and 94927.5. The Institution must provide a roster of each student currently enrolled at Origin Code Academy. The roster must include the name of the student, their contact information (including phone number, email address, and physical address), the program in which they were enrolled, the date of enrollment, the amount paid for the programs, and the amount the student was refunded.

**Assessment of Fine**

The fine for this violation is \$100,000.00

Reason for modification: The Institution obtained Bureau approval to operate as a Non-Accredited Institution.

Order of Abatement modified: The Institution must provide a refund to all students who requested a refund up to the date of approval, July 13, 2018. The Institution must provide the Bureau with the roster of each student. The roster must include the name of the student, their contact information (including phone number, email address, and physical address), the program in which they were enrolled, the date of enrollment, the amount paid for the programs, the amount the student was refunded and proof of refund.

The Administrative Fine for this violation has been modified from \$100,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

**TOTAL MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$25,000.00**

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 5, CCR section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order of abatement described above.

This citation carries an administrative fine of \$25,000.00. Respondent shall pay the Bureau \$25,000.00 in four equal monthly payments of \$6,250.00. All payments must be received by the Bureau no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> Calendar day of each month. The first payment is due to the Bureau no later than September 5, 2018. The last payment is to be completed no later than December 5, 2018. Payment of the fine shall not constitute admission of the violation(s) charged.

ASSESSMENT OF FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94944; and 5, CCR section 75020 (b) the Bureau hereby issues this assessment of fine in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the violation(s) described above. Monthly payments in the amount of \$6,250.00 are due and payable to the Bureau no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> Calendar day of each month for four months. **The first payment is due no later than September 5, 2018.** Payment will be accepted via cashier's check or money order. No personal checks or credit cards are accepted.

PENALTY – ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

Payment of the administrative fine must be made to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by cashier's check, or money order. Please include the citation number on the payment of the fine assessment. Payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for purposes of public disclosure. Payments may be mailed to:

Gurinder Sandhu, Discipline Citation Program  
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Be advised that in accordance with Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Section 75050, any institution or owner who has failed to abate the violation(s) or failed to pay the fine within the time allowed is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate.

**In the event of default in the payment of any of the said installments when due as herein provided, the Bureau will declare the entire sum then unpaid immediately due and payable.**

APPEAL OF CITATION

You *do not* have the right to request another Informal Conference to appeal this modified Citation. You *do*, however, have the right to appeal this modified Citation through an Administrative Hearing, *only if* you initially requested one within 30 days from the issuance date of the original citation. A hearing before an Administrative Law Judge will be scheduled and you will be notified of the hearing date. The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If you did not initially request an Administrative Hearing within 30 days from when the original citation was issued, you can no longer request one.

If you do not wish to appeal this modified Citation you must withdraw your initial request for an Administrative Hearing, if one was made. Please complete and mail the enclosed Withdrawal – Request for Administrative Hearing within **30 Days** of the date of this decision.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION AND FINE ASSESSMENT

This second modified Citation is effective **August 1, 2018**.

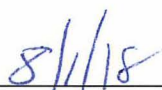
Failure to abate the violation or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed is grounds for denial of an application for an approval to operate or discipline. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce the Modified Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this decision or desire further information, please contact Gurinder Sandhu, Citation Analyst, at (916) 431-6940 or at [Gurinder.Sandhu@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Gurinder.Sandhu@dca.ca.gov).



**Christina Villanueva**  
**Discipline Manager**



**Date**

Enclosures

- Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal Rights
- Copy of the Modified Citation
- Withdrawal- Request for Administrative Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail